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USCGC RUSH DECOMMISSIONED

HONOLULU – The Coast Guard held a decommissioning ceremony for Coast Guard Cutter Rush at Base Honolulu, Tuesday, Feb 3rd.

The ceremony honored 45 years of Rush's service to the Coast Guard. Vice ADM. Charles W. Ray, Coast Guard Pacific Area commander, presided over the event.

Since the cutter was launched in 1968, it has served the U.S. in a variety of roles including defense operations during the Vietnam War, counter-narcotics patrols off Central and South America, fisheries enforcement throughout the Pacific, and search and rescue missions around the world.

Rush is the sixth high endurance cutter to be decommissioned, with six remaining in service on the West Coast.



Following Naval tradition, members disembark Coast Guard Cutter Rush during its decommissioning ceremony at Base Honolulu Feb 3, 2015 (US Coast Guard photo by PO3 Melissa E. McKenzie)

The Coast Guard Cutter Sherman will replace Rush in Honolulu and assume Rush's responsibilities. These high-endurance cutters are being replaced by the more capable fleet of national security cutters, which perform critical homeland security, law enforcement and national defense missions around the world.

The Coast Guard is working with the State Department to transfer Rush to the Bangladesh Navy as part of a Foreign Military Sale through the Foreign Assistance Act.

Coast Guard Pacific Area is the Coast Guard's regional command element and force provider for maritime safety, security, and stewardship in the Pacific.

The unit's Area of Responsibility encompasses six of the seven continents, 71 countries and more than 74 million square miles of ocean -- from the U.S. to Asia, and from the Arctic to Antarctica.

For a comprehensive history of our High Endurance Cutters, see USCG Historian's website at: http://www.uscg.mil/history/webcutters/WHEC_Photo_Index.asp

(Source: [Coast Guard News Release of Feb 3, 2015](#))

CO's Corner – Well, we dodged the DHS shutdown bullet and global warming appears to have taken its toll in the Northeast. Even here in the Midwest, though we haven't had a lot of snow, it's been a cold winter. But spring is looming on the horizon, Girl Scout cookies are being sold throughout the land, and we will soon be enjoying warmer weather. Life is good.

As a quick update, we are up and running on the new pay system for USCG/NOAA active duty and reserves. The next phase will be to bring USPHS active duty officers onboard in January 2016. More news to follow.

I would like to pay a small tribute to a PHS retiree who recently passed away. Mr. Roy Paul Lindgren joined the Public Health Service in 1945 and faithfully served for over 31 years. During his service, he saw the end of WWII, served during both the Korean Conflict and Vietnam Conflict, and led a team of American and Vietnamese doctors working on controlling tropical diseases in Saigon. To read more about this PHS veteran, see <http://www.funeralalternatives.org/portfolio-item/lindgren-roy-paul/>.

The Commandant recently delivered the 2015 State of the Coast Guard address. The text and a video of the address are online at: <http://www.uscg.mil/coastguard2015/>.

Several years ago, a good friend of mine shared the poem appearing next to this paragraph with me that speaks to accountability and our core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

According to www.theguyintheglass.com, "The original poem ... was first published in the American Magazine in 1934. The magazine had asked their readers to offer an answer to a young man's question to the Editor of the magazine as to "Why he should be honest." "

Dale Wimbrow's reply appears to the right.

Enjoy this edition of the Retiree Newsletter.

CAPT Stuart Lebruska
Commanding Officer
USCG Pay and Personnel Center

Editor's note: This poem, often incorrectly referred to as "The Man in the Glass," is one of the most cut out and carried or posted poems in American history. We are printing it with a border to facilitate continuing that practice.

The Guy in the Glass

by Dale Wimbrow, (c) 1934

When you get what you want in your struggle for pelf,
And the world makes you King for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,
Who judgment upon you must pass.
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear up to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum,
And think you're a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

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The Retiree Newsletter is a publication containing news of general interest, suggestions, and information to keep Coast Guard, NOAA and PHS retirees and their family members informed of recent developments. This publication shall not be considered authority and is non-record material.

REUNIONS AND NOTICES

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations have been shut down. Come and join us at: www.Loran-history.info. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret).

POINT OF INQUIRY. We are writing a story for publication about the History and modernization and updating of US Lighthouses and ATONS from 1945 - 1975 and would like to interview anyone who has experience with the USCG during those years, especially east coast around 1960. Of particular interest is the official policy concerning the disposition of the obsolete equipment and instructions to personnel on disposal of Lighthouse lenses and obsolete ATON's. Please email or call - steve@chestnutdev.com or 810-599-5147.

USCGC MACKINAW sailors and all other interested parties may be interested to know that the ship, though decommissioned in 2006, now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City, Michigan, and is open for public tours and group events. Visit her at the museum website: <http://www.themackinaw.org/>

COAST GUARD SHIPS & ALASKA BERING PATROL REUNION. This reunion will be held at the Circus Circus Reno, NV 3-7 May 2015. Contact Doak Walker by phone at (907) 789-2579, by fax at (907) 789-2780 or email at: allships33@gmail.com. You may also visit our website at: www.255wpg.com.

GRAND CANYON CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION was established as its own chapter on July 16, 2012 with the approval of the national MOAA Board of Directors. It now has 81 members and publishes its own newsletter, The Canyon Echo. To read a copy of the newsletter and to learn more about this chapter visit their website at: <http://www.moaa.org/chapter/AZ11>. You may also call Colonel (ret) Peter Kloeber at (928) 525-0585.

THE GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL is growing but we have room for a lot more Coast Guard retirees and annuitants. Come aboard and join the crew! If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at mike1940@centurytel.net or Keith Livingstone, MCPO (Ret) at bassbolt@yahoo.com.

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: www.cgretireeyktn.com. Our retiree luncheon is held at 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Port of York. Feel free to join us for breakfast at 6:30 AM every Wednesday in the galley.

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page. Any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe Loran C Operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our Facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

Informal Captains Luncheon. In keeping with a tradition started by RADM Al Manning more than 30 years ago, Coast Guard Captains in the Los Angeles area gather for an informal luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Captains in the area are cordially invited to attend. Should you wish to be included on the mailing list, you may advise the mess treasurer, CAPT John H. (Jack) Guest at jack@guestgroup.com.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to artgbeard@aol.com. No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

All eight **Omega Stations** were shut down Sep 30th, 1997. If you were stationed at either of the two Coast Guard Manned Stations (LaMoure ND, Kaneohe, HI) or with the **Omega Navigation Systems Operations Detail** (ONSOD) and/or the **Omega Navigation Systems Center**, we would like to hear from you with respect to your thoughts and experiences. Check out the website: <http://www.Haikuvalley.com> or email CPO Matthew Bezayiff (ret) for further info at mbezayiff@icloud.com

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

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Attention retirees in the 9th District:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Schmidt the new Retiree Services Director for Base Cleveland as per the Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5_. My AOR as the director for Base Cleveland is the boundaries of the Ninth Coast Guard District. I can be used as a point of contact for retiree information. I can be reached at (216) 902-6355 and William.A.Schmidt@uscg.mil. I would also like to start a list of CG retirees in the D9 AOR to disseminate information for retirees from myself, D9, Ninth District Retiree Council and MWR. If you would like to be on this list please send your phone number and e-mail address to me at the email listed above.

Those interested in joining the membership of the **FIRST COAST, COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL**, Jacksonville, FL please contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG (Ret), at: BWester2549@aol.com

COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE ASSOCIATION

(CGIA) is a professional organization whose purpose is to further camaraderie, friendship and professional working relationships among former and present CGIS and CGI Special Agents and Investigators, Security Managers and Intelligence Officers. We hold annual conventions in order to swap "war" and "sea" stories while renewing old friendships and making new ones. We currently have approximately 150 members and hope to grow. Anyone interested in applying for membership can view the association web page at:

www.coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org

The Base New Orleans Retiree Council is now over 70 members strong and looking for more to help serve retirees in the 8th District and the Base. POC is Jim, the Volunteer Director at james.r.montgomery@uscg.mil or (985) 246-9483. It meets the second Wednesday of each month, alternating business meetings and social events. The Base St. Louis Retiree Council, focusing on the northern portion of the District, has PERS2 Tom Fairley as its Active Duty Coordinator at: thomas.e.fairley@uscg.mil

Shipmates of the **USCGC CONFIDENCE/ACTIVE**, we are working on a reunion sometime possibly this year. If you were on these cutters between 1984 and 1989 contact Russell Pogue at rpogue63@gmail.com. If you are on FACEBOOK look for Connie/active reunion and friend us.

The **KEEPERS OF THE PATOS LIGHT LIGHTHOUSE** friends group would like to announce their intention to raise funds for the return and installation of the American Flag and Flagpole to Patos Island. The flag and pole will be installed, hopefully, by the end of the year. A fundraising effort is underway. Donations can be sent to: c/o Keepers of the Patos Light, "Flag Fund" and sent to this address: PO Box 518, Lopez Island, WA 98261. All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged by an invitation to the island for the dedication ceremony.

Linda Hudson
President, Keepers of the Patos Light
A 501C3 non-profit organization

The National Capital Region (NCR) Chapter of the Coast Guard Cuttermen Association encourages any active, retired, and former CG Cuttermen in the DC area (officer and enlisted) to become involved in your local chapter. This chapter was commissioned approximately one year ago and is looking to expand our membership. For more information see **Cuttermen Association** website at: <http://www.cuttermen.org/>
NCR Chapter President: CAPT Matt Gimple, USCG can be reached at: matthew.j.gimple@uscg.mil or gimplemj@gmail.com.

The Pensacola Coast Guard Retiree Council & Coast Guard Friends & Family organizations jointly meet on the second Thursday of each month from 5-9 P.M. at the Golden Corral restaurant (located at the corner of 9th Ave. and Langley Ave. in Pensacola, FL). Folks of all Coast Guard affiliations are welcome. We enjoy your fellowship and sharing of your Coast Guard experiences. For more information, please call Bill Hayden. Phone: (850) 554-3858 or email to: coastguardfamily@yahoo.com.

USCGC WESTWIND (WAGB 281) Reunion to be held September 16-18, 2015 at The Grand Hotel, 1045 Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ 08204 (609) 884 5611. For more information contact Alex Mavica at: Amavica1@verizon.net

USCGC BIBB REUNION. The BIBB Shipmates Association will be holding its reunion from October 11th to October 14th, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Charleston, Mount Pleasant, SC. To reserve your room, you need to call the hotel at 1-843-884-6000 and identify yourself as part of the BIBB Shipmates Association to receive the group room rate of \$114 per night (plus tax). There is a \$60 (per person) activity fee to cover hospitality suite, snacks, banquet room and related taxes. For further information, contact Oke Thorngren at (941) 204-9457 or Jim Tweed at (508) 478-9694.

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2015 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION - "Calling on all former Shipmates, Aviators, and personnel stationed ashore who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam on 4 - 5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska." If you or someone you know was attached to any of the below listed units during the rescue and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam and are not listed on my roster "I Want To Hear From You": USCGC BOUTWELL - USCGC MELLON - USCGC WOODRUSH - USCGC BITT - USCG Air Stations Kodiak and Sitka - USCG Support Center Kodiak - USCG Marine Safety Offices Valdez and Juneau - PACAREA - CCGD17 - CCGD13 - CCGD12 - USCG CAMPAC - USCG Communication Station Kodiak - USCG Group Ketchikan - Elmendorf Air Force Base - Royal Canadian Air Force/Canadian Air Force - Alaskan Ham Radio Operators - Yakutat Fire Department - U.S. Tanker Williamsburgh - C/V SOHIO Intrepid - C/V Portland - Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam (Crew & Survivors)

Our Fourth Annual Reunion will be celebrated with activities beginning on Friday, 2 October through Sunday, 4 October 2015 in Seattle, Washington to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of "One of the Greatest Sea Rescues in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to rescued passengers and crew aboard the Prinsendam. If you require the assistance of a Stokes Litter to get that sorry caboose of yours out of Charlie Status one will be provided at no cost. Note: Subsequent and additional charges for transport via the new Coast Guard HITRON Helicopter may apply.

Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG, (Ret) by email at: stanley2421@localnet.com Phone (509) 760-4866 (c) to become a member of our Association, make a reservation or get additional information.

USCGC CAMPBELL (WPG-32/WMEC-909) REUNION

May 4/8, 2015 in Virginia Beach, VA. Contact Bob Dell, rbard1@verizon.net or (610) 222-4645.

Picture of the USCGC CAMPBELL, where your humble editor once served, appears below courtesy of the USCG Historians Office.



COAST GUARD AIR (AKA COSMIC AIR) REUNION.

We will hold our annual Coast Guard Air (AKA "Cosmic Air") reunion on 17 - 22 May 2015. The event will be held at the Silver Legacy Hotel/Casino in downtown Reno, NV. We have a block of rooms set aside at the cost of \$78.97/night which includes all resort fees and taxes. For room reservations contact the hotel at 1-800-687-8733 and request group code USCG15. The cost of the banquet has not yet been determined; however, you can expect it will be close to the previous cost of \$42.00. If you need further information or a signup sheet contact Roger Schmidt, rogngina@sbcglobal.net (925)548-3256 or Linda Ethridge at LEther7294@aol.com. Note that these dates are one day later than we have had it in the past. This was due to a large number of High School graduations and Proms booked into the hotel during the weekend. Our event begins on Monday with the banquet on Wednesday.

USCGC YOCONA (WMEC 168) REUNION. There will be a reunion for the YOCONA in Astoria OR in September of 2015. The reunion is open to all that have served at any-time during its tenure whether it was in Astoria, OR or Kodiak, AK. Memorabilia and old pictures of shipmates can be shared on the YOCONA Group page on FACEBOOK where much of the information is available. Please contact Ken Pearson by email for any information or registration procedures or phone the contacts listed below.

Please contact friends that may not have FACEBOOK that you may still be in contact with so we can get the word out to as many people as possible.

Dates and places are:

September 18th, 19th and 20th 2015

Where: Astoria, OR at the American Legion

Friday, there will be a meet and greet; Saturday, a dinner; and Sunday, a breakfast. Call for other details.

Points of contacts are:

Dave Caton: (BM) dbcaton28@yahoo.com (503) 440-3195 (cell) or (360) 761 7425 (home)

Ken Pearson: (MK) kenpearson@centurytel.net (503) 741-0860 (cell)

Jim Long: (QM) longjm99@gmail.com (707) 672-5579 (cell) or (707) 668-4001 (home)

THE USCGC SHERMAN ASSOCIATION 2015 reunion

will be held in Portland, Maine from June 7 to June 11 at the Best Western Merry Manor hotel in South Portland, ME. For more information contact Richard Ames at richard.m.ames@verizon.net or (410) 760-6123.

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CG Diver Reunion and Banquet To all Coast Guard Divers past and present, greetings. This is an invitation to the CG Diver Reunion and Banquet. 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Mark V dive helmet, the trademark of military diving. It is also the 35th anniversary of Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center (NDSTC), Panama City, FL where all Coast Guard divers are currently trained. The Year of the Military Diver celebration will be held May 4 - 8 at NDSTC, with the emphasis for Coast Guard diving on May 5th with a dinner at Harpoon Harry's (previously the Breakers) overlooking the beach. We are soliciting all CG divers so it should be a good time for the old and current divers to swap lies, tales, stories, and just have a good time. We have never had a CG diver reunion and now with the new rate being established along with the Year in the Military Diver Celebration, this is a good time for one. If interested, let me know and how many would attend (you & guest/spousal unit/significant other). A ballpark figure for the banquet would be \$25 per (includes meal). Also, a Cash Bar (I'm working some deals at this time).

POC: michael.reagan@navy.mil or mgreagan4@aol.com, (office) 850-636-6333, (cell) 850-532-4949. Or you can contact the CG Liaison Office at NDSTC 850-235-5244

CENTRAL FLORIDA COAST GUARD CLUB The Coast Guard Club of The Villages will hold our 5th annual celebration of the Coast Guard's birthday on August 1st, 2015. Mark your calendar. The event will be open to one and all and will feature a catered buffet and live entertainment. If you have not attended our previous Coast Guard Day events, email uscgbirthday@aol.com to get on our mailing list and receive future updates. Membership in the Club itself is open to all Coast Guardsmen who have served and reside in The Villages. We meet four times a year at the Coconut Grove Recreation Center, 1398 Stillwater Trail, The Villages, Florida 32162. Meetings start at 1830. Our next 2015 meeting will be held on April 8th, 2015 with meetings to follow on June 10th and September 10th. For more info about the club contact ohowell317@gmail.com.

RETIREE-VETERANS EVENTS The below listed website includes a list of events throughout the country of interest to Retirees and Veterans:

http://www.hostmtb.org/RADs_and_Other_Retiree-Veterans_Events.html

Attention retirees in or having served in District 13: We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. If you'd like to receive our E-mail newsletter, please send your contact information (include email) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

EMTel-TT-IT Reunion Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All ye olde pole climbers, cable splicers, squack-box installers, frame room executives, computer hacks and cable boat crews, listen up. This is your call to action and TAD orders to report to the Pine Grove Camp Ground on Chincoteague Island, VA on May 15, 2015 to begin proper training on how to enjoy a CG EMTel-TT-IT Reunion. End date for this training expires on May 17, 2015. Send in your reservations no later than May 8th to: TTCM Curtis Leary (ret) at 919-469-3010 or gssi36@earthlink.net or TTCS Bo Stapleton (ret) at (757)-340-3732. Plenty of motels on the island to stay. Contact the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce. Active duty and spouses are encouraged to attend.

PHILADELPHIA AREA RETIREES AND VETERANS LUNCHEON GROUP SEEKS LOCAL MEMBERS. Calling all Coast Guard retirees, veterans and active duty who live in or near Philadelphia's north-west suburbs. A Coast Guard luncheon group has been gathering regularly at the Heritage Restaurant on route 113 in Franconia Township for the purpose of swapping yarns and enjoying the company of old shipmates. It's a diverse group that includes members in cutter and aviation service, lighthouses, lightships, ice breakers and Loran Stations from World War II to the present. Everyone with Coast Guard service is welcome. Contact Bob Dell at: rbard1@verizon.net or 610-222-4645 to have your name included for luncheon date notices.

USCGC MESQUITE (WLB 305)/USCGC ACACIA (WLB 406) REUNION. We are having a reunion for the Great Lakes buoy tenders at Manistee, MI on July 18, 2015. Anyone who has served onboard either ship please contact YNC Fred Garbo (Ret) at: garbos4@hotmail.com. If you or anyone you know was a member of the crew, please contact them and give me their contact info also.

Information relating to non-federal entities is provided via this official Coast Guard newsletter as a matter of general interest to retired Coast Guard personnel. The organizations might engage in fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not officially endorse these non-federal entities or their activities, including their fundraising activities. The Coast Guard cannot and does not urge anyone to donate to any non-federal entity.

RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2015

January 30	June 1	October 1
February 27	July 1	October 30
April 1	July 31	December 1
May 1	September 1	December 31

From the DEERS desk:

New ID card

Military ID cards are being reissued without a social security number shown on the front. New ID cards will not be issued just because the social security number is on the card but if you have one that has an expiration date of INDEF you can go into your local RAPIDS station to get a new card. To find the local facility use this link:

<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site?execution=e1s1>.

You can also use this site to make a scheduled appointment at most of the RAPID stations.

Please remind your medical providers with this change to the cards: Providers should be using the benefits number on the card and NOT the DOD ID number on the front. Providers using the DOD ID number instead of the benefit number cannot be paid. The claim will be denied. Providers will have to submit again under the benefit ID number.

Tax Season: You Do Not Need Proof of Health Care Coverage

Taxpayers are not required to send in proof of health care coverage to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) when filing their 2014 tax return. Most taxpayers simply need to check a box indicating they had qualifying health care coverage for the entire year. Additional information is available on TRICARE's Affordable Care Act (ACA) page at:

<http://www.tricare.mil/ACA>.

DEERS registration is required for TRICARE eligibility and enrollment. Incorrect information in the DEERS database can cause problems with TRICARE claims as well as other health care benefits, so it is critical to maintain your DEERS information. You can update your address and/or phone number on your DEERS record by signing into, www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect. On the right select sign up now. Additional help creating a DS log on is available at: 1-800-538-9552 (ask to speak with a DS log on team member).

Submitted by Tina Martin, RAS DEERS Tech, (800) 772-8724 ext 3441

COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Reunion will be held at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, NY., May 17-21, 2015. Two celebrations are on tap: The 30th anniversary of the CGCVA and the 20th anniversary for Port Security Units. A plaque dedication ceremony will be held at the Naval and Military Park on the Buffalo waterfront. Our featured trip is to Niagara Falls. Great Hospitality Suite, Silent Auction and the Awards Banquet await you. For additional information, please contact MCPO (ret.) Mike Placencia at (661) 401-0609 or at cgmastchief22@hotmail.com. Registration details can be found at: coastguardcombatvets.com.

SEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT 9TH ANNUAL ADMIRAL'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

You are cordially invited to attend the Seventh Coast Guard District 9th Annual Admiral's Cup Golf Tournament in Estero, FL (just outside Ft. Myers). The tournament is sponsored by Base Miami Beach MWR and will be held at Wildcat Run Country Club, Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club and the Estero Country Club at the Vines on May 21, 22, and 23, 2015. These are three very prestigious private clubs that have offered to host our event this year.

Format: Thursday will be individual play w/1300 shotgun start at Wildcat Run Country Club; Friday will be individual play w/ 0830 shotgun start at Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club; and Saturday, scramble play w/0830 shotgun start at Estero Country Club at the Vines. We will be using the System 36 Handicap Scoring System with modified version. The scramble portion will be scratch play. To win the Admiral's Cup, the person with the lowest net score after the Individual Play will be named Champion. Additionally, the Low Gross Player and Runner-Up will also be recognized.

Cost: Tournament package is \$215 for E-6/GS-7 and below, and \$240 per player for all others and guests and this price includes the following: Green fees and cart for three rounds of golf, free range balls daily, and Awards Luncheon on Saturday at the Wildcat Run Country Clubs Main Dining Room. Non-playing guests may attend Awards Luncheon at a cost of \$35 per person, regardless of age. We accept MasterCard or Visa Credit Cards and personal checks.

Accommodations: There are plenty of lodgings available in or near Estero. Visit www.hotels.com or visit the Estero Chamber of Commerce Website at <http://esterochamber.org>.

Golfers who wish to compete shall download an application form from our website: http://www.uscg.mil/basemiamibeach/mwr/mwr_HOME.ASP or, contact the Regional MWR Office at (305) 535-4565. If you are planning to attend, please fax your reservations ASAP to (305) 535-4566 and follow up with a call to (305) 535-4565 for processing payment. Entry deadline is 08 May 2015 which is also the last day to withdraw from the tournament to receive your monies back. You may also scan and email the application to: D07-SMB-BASEMIAMIBEACH-REGIONAL-MWR@USCG.MIL.

Use of Permissive Orders (Active Duty Military Only) is encouraged for personnel desiring to participate in this event at the discretion of your command. For additional information, please call (305) 535-4565.

VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE RECOGNITIONS WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT USCGC TANEY AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION 28 AUG - 3 SEP 2015, BALTIMORE, MD

During May 1969 - January 1970, the USCGC TANEY provided gunfire support and prevented enemy infiltration along the coastal routes used by Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces. For her service, the government of the Republic of South Vietnam awarded Taney the Vietnamese Presidential Unit Citation. She was formally decommissioned on 7 December 1986 and turned over to the city of Baltimore, Maryland for use as a museum ship. Over her distinguished career, Taney received three battle stars for World War II service and numerous theatre ribbons for service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

For more information on the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Recognitions program, you may contact Mr. Robert MacLeod at 980-253-0566.

Additional information on the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration is available at: http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/education/uscoastguard_in_vietnam/

DEPUTY COMMANDANT FOR MISSION SUPPORT

The DCMS Watch is a 24X7 manned watch that is the primary point of contact for emergent mission support issues. Typical DCMS Watch activities include monitoring urgent personnel issues, tracking significant logistical events for deployed assets, advising Service and Logistics Centers of significant events and natural disasters and tracking Coast Guard Cutter casualties (757-398-6765 or email: d05-smb-dcms-watch@uscg.mil).

COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ... LOOKING AFTER OUR OWN

CGMA is the Coast Guard's own financial relief organization, established over 90 years ago and maintained by Coast Guard men and women to help shipmates in times of need.

Since its beginnings in 1924, CGMA has provided over \$174 million in direct financial assistance. Last year alone, CGMA provided over \$3.2 million in direct financial assistance. More than \$360,000 in emergency assistance went out to Retired military members in 2014.



True to its motto, "We Look After our Own," CGMA relies on voluntary contributions for the funds it needs to carry out its vital role. It receives no Coast Guard or other government funds. Coast Guard retired military members continue to play a critical part in ensuring CGMA's continued health and vitality. Many have chosen to contribute by allotment from retired pay. Others choose to contribute by check or credit card. All contributions are gratefully accepted, as are bequests and other special contributions from individuals or estates.

Please consider how you might be able to help this year. If you are in need of assistance or would like to learn more about programs CGMA offers our retirees, please visit www.cgmahq.org or call: (800) 881-2462.

THE BLACK COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ADVISORY GROUP CELEBRATES ITS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Black Commissioned Officers Advisory Group (BCOAG) will celebrate its 25th Silver Anniversary year from October 9-11.

An entire weekend of events, beginning with a social and culminating with a worship service on Sunday afternoon, has been planned. The main celebratory event will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 7-11 p.m. at the Officers Club on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, DC. All AD and retirees including family and guests are invited to celebrate this milestone event. Retirees may contact CAPT Leslie Cooper (Ret) at: aldenpk@aol.com for invitation and event information.



Also, the BCOAG website address is: <http://dcp.psc.gov/osg/bcoag/>



COAST GUARD MEMORIAL ARLINGTON NATIONAL

The U.S. Coast Guard Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery was dedicated May 23, 1928. Architect George Howe and sculptor Gaston Lachaise captured the spirit of the Coast Guard's legendary steadfastness in the monument's rock foundation and pyramid design. Above the Coast Guard motto *Semper Paratus* is a bronze seagull with its wings uplifted. The seagull symbolizes the tireless vigil that the U.S. Coast Guard maintains over the nation's maritime territory. In addition, the names of the vessels *Seneca* and *Tampa* and their crewmen, as well as all Coast Guard personnel who lost their lives during the First World War, are inscribed on the sides of the monument.

(www.arlingtoncemetery.mil)

Retired Officers Invited to U.S. Public Health Service Symposium

Connect with your colleagues, learn more about the latest developments in public health and catch up on issues of concern to retired officers (benefits, mentoring, etc.) at the 2015 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium. This year's event will be held May 18-21 at the Downtown Sheraton in Atlanta.

Tuesday, May 19 will feature a breakfast for retired officers that will include updates on a range of issues of interest. Afterward, join your active duty and retired colleagues for Category Day.

Recently-appointed **U.S. Surgeon General VADM Vivek Murthy**, MD, MBA, USPHS and **Acting Assistant Secretary for Health Karen DeSalvo**, MD, MPH, MSc, will headline a robust agenda for the Symposium. Dr. DeSalvo will deliver the closing keynote on Wednesday and VADM Murthy will close the conference on Thursday.

Other keynote speakers will include:

- **James Curran**, MD, MPH, Dean of the Emory School of Public Health who will deliver the Luther Terry Lecture on Monday afternoon
- **RADM Scott Giberson**, BScPharm, PhC, NCPS-PP, MPH, USPHS, Director of Commissioned Corps Headquarters and Commander of the Ebola Response will join **Mia Beers** of USAID to discuss the U.S. response to Ebola in West Africa.
- **Mike Stobbe**, DrPH, who will deliver the C. Everett Koop Memorial Lecture at the Anchor and Caduceus Dinner on Monday evening. He will discuss his book "Surgeon General's Warning: How Politics Crippled the Nation's Doctor."
- **CAPT Inger Damon**, MD, PhD, USPHS and **LCDR Leisha Nolen**, MD, USPHS, both with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They will provide a ground level look at the Ebola response in the Wednesday opening keynote.

There will also be more than 60 track sessions covering current public health topics, the Surgeon General's 5K Run/Walk (with a new category for retirees), and a Poster Competition judged by retired officers. You may visit <http://symposium.phscof.org/> to review the complete agendas for the week including Category Day and track sessions and register at discounted Early Bird rates.

If retired officers would like to receive regular updates about the Commissioned Corps and the USPHS Symposium, then contact the Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS by phone at 301-731-9080 or by email to LT John McElligott at jmcelligott@coausphs.org.

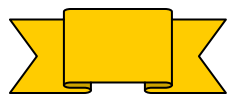
(SMALL) TRICARE COPAYMENTS INCREASE

New copayments for prescription drugs covered by TRICARE went into effect February 1, 2015. The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires TRICARE to increase most pharmacy co pays by \$3. Drugs from military pharmacies and generic drugs from TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery still cost beneficiaries \$0.

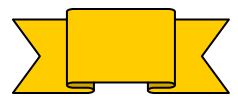
TRICARE pharmacy co pays vary based on the class of drug and where beneficiaries choose to fill their prescriptions. Home Delivery co pays for formulary brand name drugs are going from \$13 to \$16, and for non-formulary from \$43 to \$46. You can get up to a 90-day supply of drugs through Home Delivery. At the retail pharmacy network, co pays for generic formulary drugs go from \$5 to \$8, brand name formulary go from \$17 to \$20 and non-formulary from \$44 to \$47. You can get up to a 30-day supply of drugs at retail pharmacies. Some pharmacy co pays are not changing in 2015. Military pharmacies remain the lowest cost option for beneficiaries, with no cost for drugs, and generic formulary medications at Home Delivery remain \$0. Home Delivery is a low cost, safe and convenient way for TRICARE beneficiaries to get their maintenance medications. Co pays at non-network retail pharmacies will also change, based on the changes to retail co pays. For more details, visit the TRICARE pharmacy costs page.

These changes in the NDAA overrule previous rules passed by Congress in 2013 that connected TRICARE pharmacy co pays to the retiree cost of living adjustment (COLA).

(Source: www.tricare.mil)



USCG Retirements



Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
AKERS, ROBERT	SK2	20141224
ALLEN, REX	BMCS	20141201
ALVARADO, ERICA	SN	20150109
ARRUDA, DAVID	MKCS	20150128
BABISCHKIN, MICHAEL	ISM2	20141201
BAILEY, KEVIN	SK2	20150224
BELLUCCI, BENJAMIN	HS1	20150114
BENNETT, JOEL	IT2	20150128
BERNARD, MATTHEW	CDR	20150122
BILLOS, KAYLA	OS3	20141201
BOCK, JEREMY	BMC	20150217
BONDS, JANET	YNC	20150210
BOOHER, KENT	LCDR	20150113
BRADSHAW, JAMES	CAPT	20150127
BREHM, DANIEL	LCDR	20150201
BREWER, JACOB	AMT2	20150217
BUMGARDNER, MICHAEL	ITCM	20150301
BURKE, DANIEL	BOSN2	20141201
CANAVAN, GERALD	LCDR	20141201
CARRILLO, ANDREW	PSC	20150125
CARTER, NICOLE	LCDR	20150301
CHANDLER, ERIC	PA2	20150201
CHESLOCK, MICHAEL	ET1	20150101
CITTA, WALTER	MK2	20141204
CLARKE, MICHAEL	ENG4	20150101
CLAUER, GEORGE	MK1	20150202
COCHRAN, SAMANTHA	SN	20150102
COLBATH, MICHAEL	AMT2	20141226
CONTRERAS, ANTONIO	SKC	20141201
CORNER, SCOTT	AVI4	20150201
CRICKARD, ALVIN	LCDR	20150130
DAASTOL, PHILLIP	OS3	20141217
DAVIS, JEFFREY	BM1	20150301
DAVIS, KARL	CDR	20150201
DAVIS, PAULINE	YN1	20141218
DILLEY, TERESA	MSTC	20150107
DODGE, RANDOLPH	LCDR	20150228
EHNISZ, KIRK	LCDR	20150127
ELFERINK, DONALD	PS1	20141212
ELKINS, RODNEY	LT	20150301
EPSTEIN, ANDREW	ME2	20150202
EVANS, CHRISTOPHER	BMCS	20141201
FEAZELLE, GARY	PS1	20141201
FIGONI, FRANK	MSTC	20141215
FLOREZADAMS, TIMOTHY	DCC	20141201
FLORY, SEAN	SN	20150102
FRAZIER, LENNY	FS2	20150224
FREUNDSCUH, DAVID	EMCM	20150201
FUREK, ANDREW	AMT2	20150224
GABRIELSEN, KORY	DCCM	20150213
GALE, COLIN	ENG4	20150101
GIBBS, ZEDDIE	LCDR	20141130
GLASSMAN, ROBERT	LT	20141201
GLATT, TRACY	MKC	20150301
GODWIN, HARRY	BM2	20141214
GOMEZ-ALVAREZ, JENNIFER	FS2	20150114
GONZALEZ, REINALDO	MKC	20150201
GORDON, SIDNEY	ETCS	20150301
GRACE, AMBER	SK2	20150108
GRASSINO, ROBERT	CAPT	20150109
GREEN, AARON	LT	20141201
GRIECO, MARK	HSC	20150224

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
HAGAN, JEFFREY	CDR	20150101
HAMMOND, JEFFREY	MSSE2	20150201
HANDY, ROY	MEC	20141201
HANRATTY, MICHAEL	CDR	20150117
HANSON, JEREMIE	DC1	20150128
HANSON, KEVIN	CDR	20150101
HARRELL, SAMANTHA	SKC	20141201
HARTWICK, WILLIAM	MK2	20141217
HARWARD, KRISTY	SK2	20150102
HEATH, JASON	AETCS	20150101
HEER, DONALD	IT1	20150201
HENIGHAN, JOHN	LCDR	20141201
HILL, CHARLES	BM1	20150204
HILL, MICHAEL	AVI4	20150301
HOBELMAN, CHRISTIANNE	FS3	20150201
HOLCOMB, STEVEN	LCDR	20150119
HUBER, APRIL	MKC	20150101
HUDDLESTON, JAMES	MSTC	20150201
HUTTS, CHRISTIE	MKC	20150201
JANTZ, DELMA	SK1	20141201
JENKINS, MICHAEL	PERS4	20150301
JOHNSON, EDWIN	MST1	20150123
JOHNSON, CLIFFORD	ME3	20141210
JOISER, HARRY	BM2	20141226
JUSINOGARCIA, JOSE	BM3	20150224
KAHLER, JULIE	FS1	20141210
KAIN, STEVEN	SN	20141210
KENTCH, LINDA	YNCM	20150101
KILLMON, RHONDA	YNCM	20150201
KINNEY, DAVID	EMC	20150201
KLECKNER, MEGAN	SN	20150128
KLINE, PATRICIA	OS2	20150117
LALLY, THOMAS	ISS4	20141212
LANGE, AIMEE	ISCM	20141201
LEBLANC, DEREK	OS1	20150217
LEWALD, ROBERT	BOSN4	20141201
LIPE, HENRY	MSTC	20150228
LUDWIGSON, ERICK	AVI4	20141201
LUNDY, WAYNE	LCDR	20150112
LYNCH, THOMAS	LCDR	20150225
MACE, MICHAEL	AMT1	20141201
MAESTAS, ELMER	LT	20150201
MAHER, RICHARD	YNCS	20150216
MARCHANT, CHRISTOPHER	SN	20150106
MAULDIN, LORENZA	YNCS	20150201
MAY, MELISSA	LT	20150223
MCCAULEY, LANCE	AET3	20150224
MCGINNIS, GARY	MST3	20150118
MCPHAIL, BRADFORD	MK2	20150113
MCSHERRY, KENNETH	BM1	20141201
MENDOZA, RAYMOND	BM1	20150301
MICKLES, DEREK	ET1	20150301
MITCHELL, MARCUS	LCDR	20150301
MOEN, HOLLY	BM3	20150106
MONK, CRAIG	HSCS	20150101
MONTGOMERY, PATRICK	LT	20150301
MORAWAY, CAROL	CDR	20141228
MULLEN, CLAUDIA	SKC	20150114
NAAME, JOSEPH	SKC	20150201
NAUS, GARY	LCDR	20150301
NEWTON, CHARLES	EM1	20141204

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NUNES, WILLIAM	CDR	20141201
O'NEILL, MARYANN	FSCM	20141201
PAINE, SCOTT	MKCM	20150204
PAPAYANOPOLUS, ROBERTO	MK3	20141224
PARADIS, RONALD	MK3	20141220
PAYNE, DANIEL	BOSN2	20150101
PEREZ, CARLITOS	MK1	20150114
PHILLIPS, DILLON	SN	20141130
PICKETT, MARK	CAPT	20150131
POMEROY, AMY	LT	20141204
PREMO, KEITH	MK2	20150128
PRINCE, PAUL	LCDR	20150201
PUGSLEY, RONALD	MK2	20141207
QUEVEDO, HENRY	PS1	20150221
RIEBEL, ROBERT	LT	20150101
RIEDEL, TROY	BOSN4	20150101
RIORDAN, JOSEPH	CDR	20150114
ROBERTS, KEVIN	FSCS	20150301
ROCKAFELLOW, DEBORAH	LT	20141217
ROSTECK, TANNER	YNC	20150101
RUGGIERI, JEFFERY	BMC	20141201
SANCHEZ, VIRGINIA	SN	20141226
SANDERS, TRAVIS	BMC	20141201
SEEHAUS, DENNIS	LCDR	20141212
SHAW, CATRINA	FS2	20150114
SHELDON, ROBERT	BM2	20150114
SIDOTI, JOSEPH	INV4	20150101
SIEBENSCHUH, CHRISTOPHER	PERS4	20150101
SIMONSON, RONALD	BMCS	20150113
SKINNER, BRIAN	MK1	20150201
SMITH, WILLIAM	PS2	20150117
SPEIRS, CAMERON	MK2	20150114
STANTON, KEVIN	IVCS	20150101
STARK, JEFFERY	MK2	20150201
STEWART, JOHN	CDR	20150118
STORINO, PAUL	IT2	20150128
STRIBRNY, EDWARD	MSTC	20150108
STRICKLAND, ALLEN	MK2	20141226
STROM, MICHAEL	CDR	20150201
STUDER, DAVID	ENG4	20150201
SULLIVAN, BRIAN	LT	20150201
TALBOTT, TIMOTHY	DCCS	20141201
TAYLOR, JIMMY	MEC	20150128
THERRIEN, MICHAEL	INV4	20150201
THOMAS, MICHAEL	MKC	20150220
TILLMAN, STORMI	SN	20150224
TOURNOUR, GREGORY	INV3	20141201
TROTMAN, PAUL	SK2	20141210
TRUBNIKOVA, LISA	IT2	20150206
VAUGHAN, DEREK	ETC	20141201
VICKERMAN, PETER	MECM	20141207
VINCENT, ANITA	SKC	20141201
WAITE, JEFFREY	AMTCM	20141201
WALKER, ROGER	AETCM	20141209
WALL, BLAKE	MKC	20141211
WALTON, JESS	MED3	20141205
WASILEWSKI, DANIEL	SK1	20150201
WHITAKER, WENDELL	SK1	20150126
WHITCOMB, TODD	AET2	20150128
WHITTLE, DONALD	OSC	20141201
WILKIE, JOSEPH	SN	20150106
WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM	MEC	20141201
WRIGHT, DAVID	OSS4	20141201
YOUNG, JASON	DC1	20150301
ZERCHER, JENNIFER	BMC	20150101

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ALLEN, SAMIE	CAPT	20141201
APANIAN, DAVID	CAPT	20141201
BELTRAN, VIRGILIO	CAPT	20150101
BIDDLE, ROBERT	CAPT	20150301
BLAHUT, PATRICK	CAPT	20141201
BRITTON, JAMES	CAPT	20150301
BYRD, RUSSELL	CDR	20150101
CADAVID, GUSTAVO	CAPT	20150101
CHORAK, ROSALIND	CDR	20150101
CORNELIUS, DAVID	LCDR	20150301
DEVONEY, DANIELLE	CAPT	20141201
DOLAN-BRANTON, LISA	CAPT	20141201
DOTSON, KATHLEEN	CAPT	20150301
DUGANNE, MARTHA	CDR	20150301
EARNEST, GARY	CAPT	20150301
FOGARTY, JONATHAN	CAPT	20150201
GRAY, JOHN	CAPT	20150101
GREIM, WILLIAM	CAPT	20150201
GRUMMER-STRAWN, LAURENCE	CAPT	20150201
HASSINAN, DEBRA	CDR	20150301
HATOT, NORMA	CAPT	20150101
HAWKINS, MICHELLE	CDR	20141201
HAYS, GEORGE	CAPT	20150101
HIEBER, LYSA	CDR	20150201
HOLDEN, ROBIN	CAPT	20150101
HUSSONG, DAVID	CAPT	20141201
HUTTEN, DONNA	CAPT	20150201
IORIO, ROBERT	LCDR	20150201
JARRES, PHILIP	CAPT	20150301
KAIME, BECKY	CAPT	20150101
KARLSON, MARY	CAPT	20150101
KEEL, GARY	CAPT	20141201
KELLER, ANTHONY	CAPT	20150301
LAFROMBOISE, BONNIE	CDR	20141201
LEE, DONNIE	CAPT	20150101
LEE, YOUNG	CAPT	20141201
LEVENHAGEN, DOROTHEA	CDR	20150201
LIGHTWINE, LESLIE	CDR	20150301
MAGRI, JULIE	CAPT	20150201
MAHONEY, FRANK	CAPT	20141201
MOLZON, JUSTINA	CAPT	20141201
MOORE, THEL	CAPT	20150101
NEWSAD, ROBERT	CAPT	20141201
PERRIN, JAMES	CDR	20150301
PETROFSKY, MONIQUE	CAPT	20150301
REESE, THOMAS	CAPT	20150101
SARISKY, JOHN	CAPT	20141201
SHAFFER, DIANN	CAPT	20150201
SILLIVAN, DESTROY	CDR	20150301
SKARULIS, MONICA	CAPT	20150301
SMITH, BEVERLY	CDR	20150101
SMITH, ANDREW	CAPT	20150101
SWANN, MICHAEL	CDR	20150101
TALLANT, ALBERT	CAPT	20150201
TAYLOR, ROBBIE	CDR	20150301
TIBBS, DAVID	CDR	20150301

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TOLEDO, ANN	CDR	20150201
TRONTELL, ANNE	CAPT	20141201
WALMSLEY, JOHN	CAPT	20150101
WEST, PAMELA	CDR	20141201
WIERMA, JEFFREY	CDR	20150201
WILLIAMS, JOHNNIE	CDR	20150101
WILSON, CINDY	CAPT	20150101
YAZZIE, COLLEEN	CAPT	20150101

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

NOAA: ELUSIVE EL NIÑO ARRIVES

March 5, 2015 -The long-anticipated El Niño has finally arrived, according to forecasters with [NOAA's Climate Prediction Center](#). In their updated [monthly outlook](#) released today, forecasters issued an El Niño Advisory to declare the arrival of the ocean-atmospheric phenomenon marked by warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean near the equator.

Due to the weak strength of the El Niño, widespread or significant global weather pattern impacts are not anticipated. However, certain impacts often associated with El Niño may appear this spring in parts of the Northern Hemisphere, such as wetter-than-normal conditions along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

"Based on the persistent observations of above-average sea surface temperatures across the western and central equatorial Pacific Ocean and consistent pattern of sea level pressure, we can now say that El Niño is here," said Mike Halpert, deputy director, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, and ENSO forecaster. "Many climate prediction models show this weak El Niño continuing into summer."

Forecasters say it is likely (50 to 60 percent chance) that El Niño conditions will continue through the summer.

The last El Niño, in 2009-2010, was a moderate to strong event. Other recent El Niño's took place from 2002-2003 (moderate), 2004-2005 (weak), 2006-2007 (weak to moderate). The last very strong El Niño was 1997-1998 and was known for providing heavy rainfall in the West, especially California.

As for this year, "this El Niño is likely too late and too weak to provide much relief for drought-stricken California," added Halpert.

NOAA scientists will continue to monitor the situation and will issue its next monthly update on April 9.

Source: www.noaa.gov

COMMANDANT, MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON — Feb. 25 U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Steven Cantrell testified Wednesday on the Coast Guard's Fiscal Year 2016 budget request before the House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

Zukunft led his testimony by sharing his perspectives on the increasing demands the service is facing as four strategic trends converge on the Coast Guard in unprecedented ways. Those include combating transnational organized crime networks and securing our borders, safeguarding commerce, enhancing cybersecurity and adapting in the polar regions.

Zukunft stated that his highest investment priority is recapitalizing the aging Medium Endurance Cutter fleet with the Offshore Patrol Cutter. In 2014, four 210-foot cutters were sent to costly emergency dry dock where they lost 20 percent of their planned cutter underway days due to unscheduled maintenance.

"The Offshore Patrol Cutter will be the backbone of Coast Guard offshore presence and the manifestation of our at-sea authorities," said Zukunft. "The Offshore Patrol Cutter is essential to stopping smugglers at sea, interdicting undocumented migrants, rescuing people, enforcing fisheries laws, responding to disasters and protecting our ports."

Cantrell testified on the importance of recapitalization efforts to the 88,000 men and women of the Coast Guard's workforce of active duty service members and reservists, civilian employees and volunteer Auxiliarists.

"We are doing all we can do to be good stewards of our aging resources and limited funding while we tend to the needs of our service members and their families, who make so many other sacrifices," said Cantrell. "We ask so much of our well-educated, innovative and professional workforce, some of which are serving on assets older than their parents...and supported by infrastructure that's older than their grandparents."

In addition to investments in the Offshore Patrol Cutter, the Fiscal Year 2016 budget preserves Coast Guard operations, invests in Coast Guard people and continues recapitalization efforts for cutters, boats, aircraft, systems and infrastructure.

(Source: [Coast Guard News Release of Feb 25, 2015](#))



USCG TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
ADAMS	ERNEST	DCCS	20150228	SAN ANTONIO	TX
AESCHLIMANN	CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20150131	NORTH WICK PARK	GB
ALLEN	SCOTT	AT1	20150106	GRANTS PASS	OR
AMBROSINO	LOUIS	ENC	20150121	METHUEN	MA
ANDERSON	THOMAS	BMCS	20150203	SURPRISE	AZ
ARENTH	CHARLES	BTC	20141201	TAMPA	FL
ARMBRUSTER	JAMES	PSC	20150128	BUFFALO	NY
ASARO	RICHARD	CAPT	20141130	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
ASHBY	DON	BMCM	20150216	LUBEC	ME
ASPERIN	GELACIO	ETC	20150202	GARDEN GROVE	CA
AUSTIN	HARRY	BM1	20150119	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
BARTHOLOMEW	JOEL	FS2	20141216	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
BEASLEY	LLOYD	FSC	20141229	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
BELL	WILLIAM	LCDR	20150202	VIENNA	VA
BERGMAN	CHARLES	LT	20150122	BROWN DEER	WI
BERRY	JOSEPH	SDCS	20150201	CHESAPEAKE	VA
BILLER	ROBERT	CAPT	20150204	CHARLESTON	SC
BISHOP	MALVIN	LCDR	20150113	SMOAKS	SC
BLAIR	DONALD	YNCM	20150216	GILBERT	AZ
BLEHM	HAROLD	ETC	20150120	STUART	FL
BLODGET	BENJAMIN	LCDR	20150128	BUCKSPORT	ME
BODNAR	JOSEPH	ENC	20150116	ALEXANDRIA	VA
BORDEAUX	CLYDE	ENC	20141231	ST PAULS	NC
BOSCHERT	KENNETH	BMC	20150206	BASS HARBOR	ME
BOYER	CLEM	CS1	20150204	ROXBURY	MA
BOYLE	THOMAS	LTJG	20141226	TACOMA	WA
BRADY	JOSEPH	MST1	20150113	OLNEY	MD
BREESE	LLOYD	HS1	20150103	SAN DIEGO	CA
BRIGHT	MELVIN	GMC	20150204	SUNBURY	NC
BRIGHTWELL	BILLY	PSCS	20150220	HELOTES	TX
BROOKS	NORMAN	BM1	20150216	SOUTH CAIRO	NY
BROWN	RICHARD	SN	20150114	KITTERY	MA
BROWN	JOHN	MSTCM	20150120	PASADENA	TX
CALABRESE	CHARLES	ETC	20141219	SURPRISE	AZ
CAMERON	ROBERT	CWO4	20150131	STATEN ISLAND	NY
CARBAUGH	RALPH	MKCS	20150214	MACOMB	MI
CARLSSON	FRANK	CWO2	20150125	TAVARES	FL
CHERRY	NORMAN	CWO2	20150120	WASHINGTON	DC
CHILDS	JOHN	BMCM	20141224	WARNER ROBINS	GA
CHRISTIAN	RAY	BMCS	20141218	REPUBLIC	MO
CLARK	CHARLES	CAPT	20141201	EVERETT	WA
CLOUGH	GARTH	MK1	20141224	KITTERY	ME
CORTEZ	FILOMENO	FS1	20150109	YOUNGSTOWN	OH
COTUGNO	PASQUALE	YNC	20141223	LAS VEGAS	NV
COUGHLAN	GILBERT	CWO4	20150218	LUDINGTON	MI
CRAFT	JAMES	PS1	20150223	MACCLENNY	FL
DASH	ARLIE	BMCM	20150122	STANDISH	ME
DAVIS	ETHERIDGE	PSC	20150206	NEWPORT	NC
DAVIS	MARK	SK1	20150206	PALM BAY	FL

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DAWLEY	LEON	MK1	20150127	CHESAPEAKE	VA
DELAVERGNE	ROBERT	COMM4	20141216	LAUGHLIN	NV
DENMON	EDWARD	CS1	20141209	DENVER	CO
DICKENMAN	EDWIN	SA	20141219	ALBANY	NY
DONNELLY	DENNIS	RDCS	20141208	LONDONDERRY	NH
DORSKY	JOSEPH	CDR	20141214	VERO BEACH	FL
DUFFEY	CHESTER	CWO1	20150208	DAMASCUS	AR
ECCLES	LENARD	FS1	20150105	TACOMA	WA
EDELIANT	HARVEY	ETC	20141229	LODI	CA
ELEY	ROGER	MKC	20150208	GOOSE CREEK	SC
ERNO	DANIEL	RM1	20141207	TWO HARBORS	MN
FABEC	FRANKLIN	RDC	20141220	MENTOR	OH
FANGER	DANIEL	ET1	20141202	FT WAYNE	IN
FARMER	ROBERT	CAPT	20150212	NOVATO	CA
FITZPATRICK	EDWARD	FSCS	20141210	WANTAGH	NY
FLAIZ	ARTHUR	ENCS	20150107	WALNUT	CA
FOOR	ELLIS	MKC	20150124	JACKSONVILLE	FL
FORD	LLOYD	ENG3	20141205	FEDERAL WAY	WA
FRYE	RICHARD	CDR	20150102	COOS BAY	OR
GARCIA	ANGEL	EN1	20141223	MONTEREY	CA
GARCIA	EMANUEL	YN1	20141231	ORANGE PARK	FL
GARCIA	ROLANDO	BMC	20150218	CHESTNUT RDG	NY
GARRETT	CLAYTON	BMC	20141128	MOSS POINT	MS
GILLIKIN	NORVIE	CWO2	20150123	EMPORIA	KS
GIMBERT	WALTER	SKCM	20150112	PLEASANTON	CA
GLASS	CHARLES	CAPT	20150111	SILVER SPRING	MD
GOEBEL	ROBERT	CAPT	20141230	PALMETO BAY	FL
GOLASZEWSKI	ZIGMUND	CWO4	20150211	CAPE MAY	NJ
GORDON	DONALD	LCDR	20141209	SIERRA VISTA	AZ
GOSHEN	WILLIAM	QMC	20150127	COOPER CITY	FL
GRAY	RAY	BMCM	20150204	MOREHEAD	NC
HALL	ROBERT	ENG4	20150202	GOFFSTOWN	NH
HANSEN	CARROLL	EN3	20141230	LINCOLN	CA
HARDING	MALVIN	LCDR	20150202	TUALATIN	OR
HARDY	HARRY	CWO4	20141225	BEAUFORT	NC
HARKEY	JOSEPH	LCDR	20141208	SPARTANBURG	SC
HARRIS	CHARLES	EN2	20150131	PALESTINE	TX
HAWKINS	THOMAS	CDR	20150202	RIO RANCH	NM
HEARN	WILLIAM	YNC	20141230	JACKSONVILLE	FL
HEBERT	RAYMOND	QMCM	20150120	FREEPORT	ME
HEFFLIN	WILLIAM	CWO4	20150216	PORTLAND	OR
HERBERT	BAKER	CWO4	20141211	WESTFIELD CTR	OH
HERBERT	DUANE	CWO3	20141209	COVINGTON	LA
HERNDON	DURELL	EMC	20150127	FLORENCE	SC
HESS	RICHARD	CAPT	20141208	GAINESVILLE	VA
HIGGINS	THOMAS	EMCM	20141216	BELLEVUE	WA
HILL	LEWIS	ENCM	20150125	WELLINGTON	FL
HIMMELFARB	NELSON	SKCM	20150205	TONAWANDA	NY
HOBBAUGH	JIMMIE	CAPT	20141204	SAULT ST MARIE	MI
HODGES	WILLIE	GMC	20150207	EDGEWATER	FL
HOGAN	BERNARD	CWO4	20150131	LINCOLN	MA
HOPE	DONALD	BMCS	20141202	OILTON	OK
HOYT	ROBERT	CDR	20141128	DAYTONA BEACH	FL

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HULSLANDER	JOHN	AE1	20150126	MARICOPA	AZ
IGO	JOHN	LTJG	20141204	CORNWALL HDSN	NY
IRVIN	JOSEPH	YNCS	20150112	MAYO	FL
JACKSON	ROBERT	LT	20150101	CHESAPEAKE	VA
JACKSON	HARRY	EN1	20150208	OLD TOWN	FL
JEFFERS	DEREK	ETC	20141202	MYRTLE BEACH	SC
JOCSON	DOMINADOR	FSC	20141216	SEATTLE	WA
JOHNSON	RICHARD	EMC	20141207	EUGENE	OR
JONES	EDMOND	MKC	20150212	EFFINGHAM	SC
JONES	LEON	SK1	20150205	COLLEGE PARK	GA
KAUFFMAN	SCOTT	MK2	20150108	ABSCON	NJ
KELLY	THOMAS	PSC	20150204	MEDFIELD	MA
KERN	JOHN	CDR	20150109	HILTON HEAD	SC
KERNAN	ROGER	MK2	20141204	COCOA	FL
KIRK	MICHAEL	MSTCS	20141226	LAGRANGEVILLE	NY
KLEMM	JOHN	LCDR	20150208	SPANISH FT	AL
KOELLHOFFER	EUGENE	PSCS	20150226	LONG BRANCH	NJ
KONICKI	VICTOR	SKC	20150217	GARFIELD HGHTS	OH
KOPP	HAROLD	BMC	20150110	VENICE	FL
KRIDER	JOHN	BMC	20150124	ELIZABETH CTY	NC
KUNIS	GLENN	EMCM	20150114	LONG BEACH	CA
LACY	KENNETH	LT	20141206	KILN	MS
LEVESQUE	PAUL	AMC	20150107	KODIAK	AK
LOCKE	ROBERT	CDR	20141217	NEW YORK	NY
LOVE	JEANINE	YNCS	20150206	DULUTH	MN
LOWMAN	REX	MKCS	20150228	SPOKANE	WA
LUDWIG	KAREN	SK2	20150217	POINCIANA	FL
LUNA	RICHARD	LCDR	20150120	CONCORD	CA
LYSINGER	SAMUEL	SKC	20150109	WILMINGTON	DE
MACKEY	EDWARD	CWO4	20150104	GREEN COVE SP	FL
MANLANGIT	RUBEN	CWO4	20150114	ELIZABETH CITY	NC
MARCUS	EDWARD	CDR	20150211	ORLANDO	FL
MARKEL	LOUIS	ET1	20150122	LIHUE	HI
MARTINI	WALTER	MAT4	20141219	VASSAR	MI
MCCAIN	JACK	CDR	20150109	NEW BERN	NC
MCCLUSKEY	BRUCE	BMCM	20141226	SEVEN MILE	OH
MCKERLEY	STILLMAN	EMC	20150204	CONCORD	NH
MEDEIROS	MELVIN	FS1	20150127	LIVERMORE	CA
METCALF	WALTER	FSC	20141207	ZAVALLA	TX
MILEWSKI	JOHN	CSC	20150103	LANCASTER	PA
MILLS	LAPSLEY	LCDR	20150117	ASHEBORO	NC
MOHIN	WILLIAM	CAPT	20150221	SUN CITY CTR	FL
MONROE	MICHAEL	CWO4	20150121	CAMAS	WA
MONTA	FELINO	FS1	20141217	SAN JOSE	CA
MOROSKY	PAUL	CAPT	20150129	GROTON LONG PT	CT
MORRIS	CHARLES	AMC	20150107	DORA	AL
MYERS	JEROME	CAPT	20150202	FAIRFAX	VA
MYRICK	WILLIAM	BMC	20150125	FISHERS	IN
NATION	SAADIA	FN	20141223	ONTARIO	CA
NELSON	DAVE	CSC	20150228	WAVELAND	MS
NELSON	JOHN	CWO3	20141223	COOS BAY	OR
NORRIS	HARRY	ENC	20150103	ST PETERSBURG	FL
OLIVER	WILLIAM	RMC	20150130	PANAMA CITY	FL

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OREY	DARYL	CWO3	20141227	COEUR D ALENE	ID
OSORIO	JOSE	BM1	20150226	COLORADO SPGS	CO
OUIMETTE	ROBERT	SN	20141130	BRAMAN	OK
OVERSTREET	JOHN	QMCS	20150102	BROOKLYN PARK	MD
OWENS	LARRY	FS1	20141231	MESA	AZ
OWENS	ANTHONY	LCDR	20141218	BELLEVUE	WA
PALOU	JUAN	PS2	20150101	JUNCOS	PR
PARKS	ROBERT	COMM4	20141230	WILLIAMSBURG	VA
PARSLEY	KENNETH	BM3	20150103	GREENE	ME
PARTIN	JAMES	CDR	20150112	POINT OF ROCKS	MD
PATTERSON	CHARLES	CS3	20141203	ALLERTON	IA
PEGLER	JOSEPH	FIC	20150216	SAN DIEGO	CA
PHILLIPS	ROBERT	CDR	20150223	EASTVILLE	VA
POLAN	RILEY	BMCS	20150214	PANAMA CITY BCH	FL
RALSTON	CARL	FS2	20150117	HOUSTON	TX
REIKER	RAYMOND	LCDR	20150208	HANOVER	PA
RICE	ROBERT	CDR	20150115	COMMERCE TWP	MI
RICH	CHESTER	BMC	20141214	FORESTDALE	MA
ROBBINS	VALENTINE	ETCM	20150104	SUN CITY CTR	FL
RODRIGO	BENJAMIN	FSCM	20141216	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
ROGERS	LEONARD	ENC	20141203	GLOUCESTER	MA
ROLLINS	WILLIAM	CAPT	20150109	ELKHART	IN
ROPIAK	FRANK	CAPT	20150115	DIXON	CA
SABIA	JOSEPH	BMCM	20141223	LAS VEGAS	NV
SALVANERA	GODOFREDO	FS1	20150211	FPO	AP
SATO	MITSUO	ENC	20150206	SEATTLE	WA
SAVARY	DONALD	CDR	20141224	CARLSBAD	CA
SCOTT	ALBERT	ENG3	20141220	HUSTONVILLE	KY
SHINGLE	ROBERT	ET2	20150201	DENTON	NC
SILER	BILLY	LCDR	20150215	HARRAH	OK
SIMS	ERNEST	ENC	20141205	PORT ORCHARD	WA
SLATE	LESTER	CAPT	20141219	EXETER	ME
SMALLWOOD	CRAIG	GM1	20141207	THOMASTON	ME
SMITH	GARY	BMCS	20141218	TAMPA	FL
SPENCER	HAROLD	MK1	20150217	S ATTLEBORO	MA
STANLEY	BERT	YNC	20150209	HUBERT	NC
STANLEY	PHILLIP	MKC	20141208	FAIRHAVEN	MA
STAUFFER	ROBERT	YN1	20141209	MILFORD	OH
STEPHENS	JOHN	HSC	20141213	VADER	WA
STINSON	LESLIE	SK1	20150214	MART	TX
STONEBACK	JAMES	TTCM	20150110	SAGLE	ID
STRAUS	CLARK	CWO4	20150213	DE PERE	WI
SWANSON	NORMAN	CWO3	20141227	SNELLVILLE	GA
TANT	JERRY	BMCS	20150204	SAMMAMISH	WA
TARR	JAMES	BMC	20141218	PORTSMOUTH	VA
TREGEMBO	JOHN	ENC	20150104	PLYMOUTH	MI
TURGEON	THEODORE	CWO4	20141222	PLEASANT HILL	CA
VALLONE	JAMES	CDR	20141207	CROFTON	MD
VELLI	RAYMOND	MK1	20150114	CAPE MAY	NJ
VETZEL	CARL	CWO3	20150202	TAMPA	FL
WALKER	FRANCIS	MKCM	20150212	JACKSONVILLE	FL
WALLIS	JOHN	YNC	20150121	LAKELAND	FL
WALSH	MICHAEL	CAPT	20150123	MELROSE	MA

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WALSH	PATRICK	RMC	20150125	MACHIASPORT	ME
WARNER	ELTON	MK1	20150212	YOUNGSTOWN	OH
WATERS	EDWARD	CWO3	20141227	ANTHONY	FL
WATERS	ALBERT	ENCM	20150223	BILOXI	LA
WELCH	JOHN	BM2	20141220	WINDHAM	ME
WEST	DONALD	AM1	20150207	KODIAK	AK
WEST	ROOSEVELT	EMCS	20150104	PORTSMOUTH	VA
WESTBURY	ARTHUR	SKCS	20150110	CHIEFLAND	FL
WILSON	ALLEN	LCDR	20150205	ALAMEDA	CA
WILSON	ROBERT	RMC	20150217	CORPUS CHRIST	TX
WILSON	ROBERT	FS1	20150215	BATON ROUGE	LA
WINNER	WAYNE	QM1	20150122	ALAMOGORDO	NM
WONG	JANE	CDR	20141221	CENTRALIA	WA
WOODELL	JOSEPH	MKC	20141203	PORTSMOUTH	VA
WRIGHT	ROBERT	QMC	20150118	LORGAN CITY	LA
YBARRAWECKMANN	BRYANN	SA	20150126	BANDON	OR
YOUNG	LAWRENCE	MK1	20150117	LONG BEACH	CA
YOUNG	ROBERT	MKC	20150124	WOODBURY	TN
ZARRILLI	JOSEPH	EMC	20150128	LEWISTON	ME

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KNIGHT

PETER
WILLIAM

CDR
LTJG

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GEORGETOWN
REDMAN

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WA

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ANGLE	LINTON	CAPT	20150105	LA CROSSE	WI
AUSTIN	THOMAS	CAPT	20150115	VANCOUVER	WA
BERGMAN	VERNON	CAPT	20141223	SUN CITY	AZ
BROWN	KENNETH	CAPT	20150211	CALIFORNIA	MD
DAVIS	BOBBY	CDR	20150205	N LAS VEGAS	NV
GARFIELD	CLAUDE	CAPT	20150213	THOMPSON STATION	TN
HALPERIN	JEROME	RADM	20150210	SILVER SPRING	MD
HOLDENRIED	ROBERT	CAPT	20150213	ROCKVILLE	MD
KENEALLY	MICHAEL	CDR	20141223	MEZA	AZ
KORN	LARRY	CAPT	20141202	FLAGSTAFF	AZ
LAMBERT	PAUL	CAPT	20150201	LITTLESTOWN	PA
LINDGREN	ROY	CAPT	20150206	OLYMPIA	WA
MOATS	RICHARD	CAPT	20141205	BURTONSVILLE	MD
MORLEY	VERNON	CAPT	20150215	GALLOWAY	NJ
MUSHINSKI	J FREDERIC	CAPT	20141218	BETHESDA	MD
NAIRN	REGIS	CAPT	20150210	PRESCOTT	AZ
OSHEROFF	BORIS	CAPT	20150217	SILVER SPRING	MD
SANDOVAL	MARTINIANO	CDR	20141210	PHOENIX	AZ
SELL	THOMAS	CAPT	20150208	LIBERTY TWSHP	OH
SPANGLER	HARRY	CAPT	20141201	PHOENIX	AZ
TAROSKY	MATTHEW	CAPT	20150106	NEW HOPE	PA
VERBER	JAMES	CAPT	20141130	N. KINGSTOWN	RI
WITTER	ELIZABETH	CAPT	20150111	WINSTON SALEM	NC

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Doris W. Andre	Wife of CAPT James M. Andre, USPHS, Ret	20 Apr 2014	Albuquerque, NM
Marsha S. Bailey	Wife of TCC John H. Bailey, USCG, Ret	12 Feb 2015	Reevesville, SC
Veda H. Bergadine	Wife of CDR Earl Bergadine, USCG Ret	01 Feb 2015	Gainesville, FL
Rosemary Beverly	Wife of MEC Joseph Beverly, USCGR, Ret	12 Dec 2014	Nashville, TN
Mary Black	Wife of HSTCS Thomas Black, USCG, Ret	11 Aug 2012	St Petersburg, FL
Claire Blake	Wife of YNCS Benny Blake, USCG, Ret	30 Dec 2014	Oak Hill, WV
Betina Blanford	Wife of FSC Kim Blanford, USCG, Ret	19 Dec 2014	Rocky Mount, NC
Ronald Bower	Husband of YNC Michele Bower, USCGR, Ret	27 Oct 2014	Seattle, WA
Martha E. Brewer	Wife of AD1 Charles C. Brewer, USCG, Ret	26 Jan 2015	Vestavia, AL
Beverly J Burnham	Wife of PS2 Buzz Burnham, USCGR, Ret	13 Feb 2015	Everett, WA
Janet Constantine	Wife of MCPOCG Carl Constantine, USCG, Ret	30 Dec 2014	Juneau, AK
Christine Corkins	Wife of TCC Gerald Corkins, USCGR, Ret	08 Jan 2015	Red Hook, NY
Patricia Eslick	Wife of CWO4 David Eslick, USCG, Ret	11 Jan 2014	Mustang, OK
Georgia Green	Wife of CAPT Richard Green, USCG, Ret	14 Feb 2014	Auburn, CA
Patricia D. Hedlund	Wife of FS1 Virgil R. Hedlund, USCG, Ret	31 Dec 2014	Eureka, CA
Frances B. Howland	Wife of CWO4 Ralph C. Howland, USCG, Ret	26 Jan 2015	Barnegat, NJ
Jacquelin D. Hubbel	Wife of MSTC Timothy C. Hubbel, USCG, Ret	27 Dec 2014	Modesto, CA
MaryJo C. Johnson	Wife of CAPT Jerry M. Johnson, USPHS, Ret	21 Feb 2015	Jasper, AR
Robyn Mcallister	Wife of LCDR Robert Mcallister, USCG, Ret	21 Apr 2014	Murray, KY
Juanita J. Pouncy	Wife of CWO4 Russell Pouncy, USCG, Ret	24 Nov 2014	Oakland, CA
Dennis B. Wilson	Husband of CAPT Marcia J. Withiam-Wilson, USPHS, Ret	29 Dec 2014	Dedham, MA
Collette F. Spadaro	Wife of FS1 Louis Spadaro, USCG, Ret	14 Feb 2015	Toms River, NJ

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPS, please contact PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Retiree Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

THE SLOW DANCE OF ALZHEIMERS DISEASE

Reviewed by Matthew O'Connell

Meryl Comer's "Slow Dancing with a Stranger," chronicles her twenty plus years experience caring for her husband who, over the course of the book, becomes the stranger of the title. Doctor Harvey Gralnick, her husband, once the chief of hematology and oncology research at the National Institutes of Health, had been known for his encyclopedic knowledge in his field of specialties. He was also known for caring deeply for his patients. Ms. Comer, an Emmy-award winning broadcast journalist, began to see signs of forgetfulness and irritability in her usually very controlled husband when he was just 56. Though he resisted the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, it became evident as the months progressed that he was losing pieces of himself—his memory, his comportment, his notion of who he was in the world. From the early portions of the book until its end, the reader accompanies Ms. Comer on her tragic journey into the tattered portions of her husband's fast disappearing psyche and one empathizes with her as the man she loved so very much is rendered first angry and impulsive and then, finally, largely incapable of even the most basic functions. Ms. Comer attempts to find Dr. Gralnick competent care; however, though she is able to persuade two of the most costly institutions in the country to accept him, they prove to be less than adequate. In the end, Ms. Comer, determined not to abandon him to institutional care, moves him back home. She hires round-the-clock care and assumes long shifts of monitoring the doctor herself. The reader will quickly become aware that Ms. Comer has the resources and ability to adjust her lifestyle to an extent most of us do not. She is not critical of anyone who finds it necessary to place their loved one into a care facility. One leaves the book with several terrifying thoughts. What if this happens to a loved one of mine? How will I cope? How much will it cost? What if it happens to me? Ms. Comer's is a journey into a particular heart of darkness currently afflicting millions of Americans. Dr. Gralnick still lives: largely through her efforts.

Editor's note: In our Jan-Mar issue, I referred to Petty Officer Douglas Munro as the "winner" of the Medal of Honor. The Medal of Honor is "awarded" not won to a "recipient." There was no disrespect intended: I say this as both a retired Coast Guard officer and a former Marine—Matt O'Connell (editor).

Editor's notes**KEEPING RETIREE & ANNUITANT SERVICES INFORMED**

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (divorce, death, annulment, marriage, just to mention some), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

STATE TAX REMINDER: As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information that the tax is being paid to.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

The Retiree Newsletter
Commanding Officer (P&D)
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
(785) 339-2236

PHS Statement of Service

To receive instructions on how to obtain a **PHS Statement of Service**, contact: alex.potter@hhs.gov. For a **corrected** Statement of Service send your email to: phsscassignments@hhs.gov.

Coast Guard/NOAA/PHS Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA or PHS retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form, you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (PSD-MR)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to request a copy of their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will reduce the waiting time veterans have experienced in the past waiting for copies of their DD-214s. **Note:** This website only allows you to fill out the online form to request a copy of your DD-214. You will still need to mail or fax to NPRC to obtain a copy.

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG, NOAA or PHS based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC. This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by telephone, by fax or in writing. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1-800-772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us or send us an e-mail request).
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may fax your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*) Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>

E-mail: PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding, not federal, which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents)).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

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(*)Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>
or directly from the IRS

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA or PHS retiree/annuitant call:

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Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

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TRICARE Overseas	1-888-777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS
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Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
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